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BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB (BATOC) CTCI Chapter 4



Upcoming Events

Event	Date
Monthly Meeting July	July 13, 2019
Danville Car Show	July 21, 2019
Progressive Dinner	August 3, 2019
Monthly Meeting August	August 10, 2019
Danville Car Show	August 18, 2019
Hearst Castle Weekend	August 23-25 2019

SPARE CHANGE FOR CHARITY

Don't forget to bring your spare change to all meetings and outings!



BATOC Club Monthly meeting is on the second Sat of each month at:

Buttercup Grill & Bar
660 Ygnacio Valley Rd
Walnut Creek CA
10am - 12pm \$20 for breakfast

Facebook Group Page: Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club

Website: batoc.org

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Meeting Minutes June 8, 2019

30 attendees

Our president, Dave Adams, started off the meeting saying, we have a lot of people we haven't seen in a long time, and we have new guests, plus all kinds of things going on. The big news of the month is all of our traveling people made it back and nobody landed in jail. Welcome back everyone!

Dave asked if anyone wanted to share any stories. Tony shared his story about going to Flagstaff to the CTCL Convention with his wife Kathy. They did 400 miles a day to get to Flagstaff. They stayed at The Little American Hotel, which Tony said was one of the nicest places he ever stayed. He said, upon arriving, after he washed his car, he got sick. At the welcome party he met a nurse practitioner, who diagnosed him as having altitude sickness. Kathy also got sick and had to go to the emergency hospital. Both of them got into a lot of trouble with the high altitude. Going home they had car problems in Bakersfield, the starter went out. Tony was able to fix it himself with the help of a CTCL member that Kathy found in the club directory. In conclusion, the venue was great, the food was good, and the hotel was fantastic, but watch the altitude.

Guy Cummings reintroduced us to Michelle and Chris from Benicia, who are attending their second club meeting. They own a 2005, 50th Anniversary Thunderbird.

Also in attendance was Todd Schofield, who has a remolded Thunderbird, which he just got back yesterday. It is a 1955 Thunderbird which he inherited from his grandparents 8 years ago. It has been in the family 46 years. He put his own signature on the car, painting it metallic maroon, an official 1960 color. Congratulations Todd and welcome back.

Guy also passed out our club name tags for Nancy Browning, and mentioned he has club name tags for Janet and Sam Booth and Donna and Eric.

On our 2020 club calendars, Dave said he was disappointed in our ad in the CTCL magazine for other clubs to submit their photos of their cars for our 2020 calendar.

It was too small, and not in a very good location in the magazine, so he will try to get a better and larger spot. Dave encouraged us to submit our cars for our 2020 calendar. Guy Cummings offered to help anyone in our club with picture taking of their car.

In CTCL news, a two thirds vote was needed to pass a bylaw change for retro cars to be full voting members of CTCL. It was a close vote, but did not pass. Therefore, retro cars cannot vote, however, they are welcome to join CTCL, and have all the privileges the old car do, except voting rights. Dave encouraged all of us to become national members and join CTCL. For \$40.00 a year, you get a magazine and insurance coverage on outings. We are not officially required by CTCL to join, but it really should be, so get on line and become a national member.

Exciting news! The Guthrie's car is in Tales from the City, episode 7 on Netflix.

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Activities Report by Mary Cummings

Our 60th Anniversary Party is a Murder Mystery Luncheon with a fifties theme.

The date is June 15, 1PM to 5PM at Beeb's Bar and Grill at Las Positas Golf Course in Livermore. It is \$40 per person. 29 people have made their reservations, but we can still add people. So, call Maria Guthrie and make your reservations and mail her your check.

New update on Haffner's Sugar Barge Cruise, Saturday, July 13th.

THE CRUISE IS CANCELED because the captain lost his slip lease. The harbor master is not renewing the harbor lease.

However, we discussed other options and we may have a road trip to Bethel Island after our meeting on July 13. More to come.

July 21 and August 18- Danville Car Show, Dave Adams, chairman

Jean Riley reported on the Hearst Castle Outing. August 23-25.

Overnight trip, staying at the Apple Farm in San Luis Obispo. Make your reservations now.

Jean has a block of rooms for us under BATOC. Rooms are \$150- \$225.

Jean will email out more info.

August 3- Progressive Dinner Party

Will start at 5PM, dinner at 6:30PM. More to come

October 12- Alameda Car Show We must all register together to be together. Sue and Jack Mathieson will let us know more about it.

Ironstone-September 28th

Birds on the Wharf-October 5

Holiday Party-December 8th in Benicia at the Yacht Club

Janet and Sam Booth- chair people

Tesla Factory Tour- waiting to hear from Tesla

If anyone would like to schedule an event, we have openings in November. Any suggestions would be welcomed. Suggestions by present meeting members were,

Kool April Nights in Redding

Morro Bay event-May

Jimmy's Picnic in Golden Gate Park in SF- October

Bill Rose showed us an infra-red detector, a tool for finding hot spots on your car. Also, he showed us a borescope with a camera on it. You actually stick this where you need to, and it will take pictures of what you are looking in to. If you live in Livermore, you can actually borrow these things from the Livermore Library.

Lastly, a big round of applause went out for Jim Guthrie's birthday.

Respectfully submitted by Marianne Grech, Secretary

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PRES SAYS

COME ONE, COME ALL.... SEE THE SPECTACLE



In case the embarrassment hasn't reached you yet, be sure to come to this month's meeting and witness the hobbling, bumbling idiot on his crutches. It should be fun and my misfortune will probably lead to a shorter meeting...YEA!!

So, if you missed the news, I managed to trip over the bathroom scale in the middle of the night 2 weeks ago and succeeded in breaking my ankle AND my leg requiring surgery and a big fat cast. It's the first thing I've ever broken and I am now relegated to crutches for the next 6-8 weeks. I am now exactly 2 weeks in, so I am hoping for 6 more weeks...not 8. So, come see the spectacle.

On the club front....A great big Thank You and congratulations to the Cummins', the Riley's and the Guthrie's for their exhausting work on this year's 61st anniversary celebration. We had a great time and very fun murder mystery event. And in case you missed it, you should never again trust Roger Canfield. For the second year in a row, HE was the murderer. And he looks like such a nice guy. Thanks to all for a job well done.

Be sure to check out the activities calendar and plan your summer of outings. There are lots of unique outings coming up and things you really shouldn't miss...even if you're on crutches.

On a sad note. I heard from Thunderbird Headquarters about the unfortunate passing of Don Johnson. Don was a long-time BATOC member and supporter, but more importantly, as owner of Thunderbird Headquarters, Don was hugely instrumental in the restoration process of our cars. From being our own local parts supplier to tooling and manufacturing many parts that were no longer available. Don was a great man and a great friend to us all. He will be sorely missed.

So, let's see everyone at this month's meeting on the 13th and fill up the event schedule with your name. I'll be hobbling in the door and sitting down in my chair...you won't even have to look at me...LOL.

See you all then,

Dave

Club Officers

Office	Club Member
President	Dave Adams
Vice President, Webmaster	Guy Cummins
Secretary	Marianne Grech
Treasurer	Maria Guthrie
Activities Director	Mary Cummins
Editor, Historian, CTCI Rep	Jean Riley
Technical Director	Pete Lefevre
Sunshine Director	Lita Schaffer
Apparel Director	Lisa Brill-Nadler
Philanthropy Director	Sue Mathieson
Recognition Director	Kathy Ramos



Technical Tidbits

Locating Top Dead Center 1955/56/57 Thunderbirds

By Gil Baumgartner

The FoMoCo shop manuals address the location of the timing marks on passenger cars, but fail to mention our Thunderbirds. Basic information on timing marks can be found at www.ctci.org, in the Tech Section under Ignition. In very rare cases the timing marks cannot be found because the rear pulley has been damaged or repaired and the pulley timing marks needs to be reinstalled. The following information addresses locating the correct position for the marks.

Photo # 1 shows the pulley marked and at top dead center (TDC). This position can be reached by manually turning the engine until number one piston is at the top of its compression stroke verified with number one spark plug removed. At TDC the piston will be at the top of the cylinder and both the intake and exhaust valve will be closed. The timing pointer will be at the TDC mark

Photo # 2 shows both the intake and exhaust valves closed, verified by clearance between the rocker arms and the top of both valve stems.



Photo 1

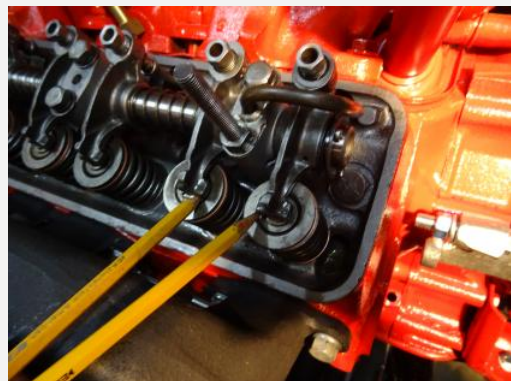


Photo 2

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Photo # 3 shows the crank pulley bolt removed and the key way for the crank pulley to shaft at the 7 o'clock position this occurs when number one piston is at the top of its compression stroke (TDC). The bolt need not be removed to verify this position unless the pulley timing marks are being reinstalled on a damaged or repaired pulley.

Photo # 4 When installing the distributor and all of the conditions are as described above, the rotor should be pointing as shown which is number one spark plug when the distributor cap is installed.



Photo 3



Photo 4

For additional technical articles, go to www.ctci.org, click on Car Tech then Gil's Garage and you will find over 100 technical articles that Gil has written on our Ford Thunderbirds.

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61st Anniversary Bash

There were two murders at the sock hop, a break-in to the Principal's office and a whole lot of questions about who dunnit at our 61st Anniversary Mystery Lunch. As it turned out, it was the very same culprit as last year. What are the chances of him being randomly selected two years in a row? Anyway, one of the groups solved the mystery, and captured the prize. Best acting prizes went to Dave Adams, the School Principal, and Sue Mathieson, the School Nurse. It was hilarious and such a well organized and decorated event. Thanks go out to Mary and Guy Cummins for putting so much effort into this party.



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Anniversary Event Con't

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Castro Valley Car Show

Saturday June 15, 2019

The Verhoek's
Take home
The Sponsor's
Choice Award



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**DANVILLE 2019 HOT
SUMMER SUNDAYS**

CAR SHOW

11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM

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\$25.00 Pre-Registration | \$30.00 Day of Show

Staging from 8:00 am to 11:00 am on Danville Boulevard.
680 Freeway, Exit El Cerro. Follow the signs to Danville
Boulevard. Turn Left. All cars must enter by 11:00am.

Pre-Registered Cars Are Guaranteed Entry to the Show.



**Inviting ALL YEAR Muscle Cars, Hot Rods,
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Please Call David at 925-437-3649 or by email ezasugo@yahoo.com



BAY AREA THUNDERBIRD OWNERS CLUB

PROGRESSIVE

DINNER (3-peat)

Saturday, August 3rd

RSVP Today!!

Join your BATOC friends for another fun

PROGRESSIVE dinner party!

(It's as easy as **1, 2, 3**)

1. The evening starts at 5pm with Appetizers & Cocktails on Gregg's backyard deck (1420 Huston Rd., WC)
2. At 6:30, we'll travel to Ed & Donna's home for a New York Strip Dinner* with potatoes, salad, bread and beverages (1289 Crown Ct., WC)
3. Wrap up the evening with Dessert & Fun Conversation in Lisa & Eran's backyard (1972 Montclair Cir., WC)

* Vegetarian/Non Beef-eater? No problem - Contact Ed for an alternative entrée

COST: \$37/person

CONTACTS:

Ed Benson: Questions about the menu - 925-943-7011

Maria Guthrie: RSVPs and Event Payments - 925-292-7643

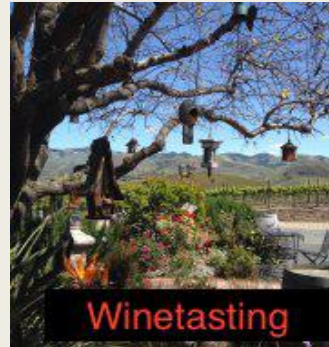
Mail payment to: 637 Yorkshire Ct. Livermore, CA 94551

HEARST CASTLE WEEKEND AUGUST 23-25 2019

Paso Robles



Hearst Castle



Join us for a weekend of beautiful sights and fun times.

Leave Friday, Aug 23 and return Sunday, Aug 25

On the way down, we will stop for lunch in Paso Robles and then visit the Estrella Warbirds Museum. Then we will head to the Apple Farm Hotel in San Luis Obispo.

Rooms are reserved as follows: Block ID 925862 Phone 800-255-2040

Main Inn: King Rooms (single king) in the Main Inn at a rate of \$239/night

Trellis Court: King (single king) Trellis Court Rooms or Queen Trellis Court Rooms with a patio hot tub at a rate of \$169/night

Cost of Hearst Castle Tour \$33 Reservations have not been secured yet.

After the tour, we can do some winetasting in San Luis Obispo and dinner at the hotel.

Sunday, we are looking into brunch at the Madonna Inn then a leisurely drive home.

Please let Bud and Jean Riley know if you are attending. We will need a count for Hearst Castle by June 24: bjriley12@aol.com or 925-373-0403

Plan Ahead for 2020 CTCI Convention In Sarasota, Florida

CTCI 2020 INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION

Hosted by the Trail Birds of Southwest Florida

Held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Sarasota, Florida May 4 - 9 2020

PRE-REGISTRATIONS: First 75 registrations are eligible for a drawing for \$200.00.
(host members are not eligible).

**To pre-register send \$50.00 to Betty Tulowitzky, 14191 Tudball Ave., Port Charlotte, FL 33953
Please include address, email address, phone number, and CTCI number.**

Hotel reservations can be made after May, 5 2019. Call 1-877-803-7534 Code is CTCI.



Bay Area Thunderbird Owners Club



2019 Calendar of Events

Winter – Meetings Jan 12 / Feb 9

January 19 – President's Mystery Tour (Adams)

February 3 – Super Bowl Party, Livermore (Guthrie)

Spring – Meetings Mar 9 / Apr 13 / May 11

March 9 – Bowling (Guthrie)

March 16 – St. Paddy's Day-1st St. Alehouse (Cummins)

March 17 – Oakland Aviation Museum Open Cockpit Day (Verhoek)

April 14 – Whale Watching (Dixon)

May 15-19 – CTCI Western Classic Roundup
Flagstaff, AZ

Summer – Meetings Jun 8 / Jul 13 / Aug 10

June 15 – Anniversary Party/Mystery Dinner (Cummins)

July 21 – Danville Car Show #1

Summer (continued)

Aug 3 – Progressive Dinner Party
(Benson, Cannella, Nadler)

Aug 18 – Danville Car Show #2

Aug 23 - 25 – Hearst Castle (Riley)

Autumn – Meetings Sept 14 / Oct 12 / Nov 9

Sept 28 – Ironstone, Murphys, CA

Sept 30 – Oct 6 – Cruise: Vancouver to LA (Benson)

Oct 5 – Birds on the Wharf, Santa Cruz

Oct 12 – Alameda Car Show (Mathieson)

Oct XX – Tbird Calendar Meeting (Adams)

Nov XX –

Winter – Meeting Dec 14

Dec 8 – BATOC Holiday Party (Booth)

TBD – Tesla Factory Visit (Lloyd)

Apr 2020 – Kool Redding Nights



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Ready to plan an event?

Let us know! marymac1234@gmail.com